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Verification

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It is an eligibility requirement that the client cooperate in obtaining necessary verifications, **with an exception being that a client must never be asked to provide verification that he is or is not either a fleeing felon or a probation/parole violator.** The client is expected to provide information to which he has access and to sign authorizations needed to obtain other information.

For Medicaid Groups and WV CHIP Only: Being homeless, a victim of a natural disaster or emergency situation are all considered as limiting an individual's compliance with obtaining verifications. Once citizenship and alien status are verified, an eligibility decision is made for these individuals on existing information alone.

Depending upon the program and the item or requirement for which verification is requested, refusal to cooperate may result in one of the following:

- Denial of the application
- Closure of the AG
- Ineligibility of an individual(s)
- Disallowance of an income deduction or an incentive payment

No case may be determined ineligible when a person outside the AG or Income Group fails to cooperate with verification. The following persons are not considered outside the AG or Income Group for these purposes:

- Ineligible student (SNAP)
- Ineligible aliens (all programs)
- Disqualified persons (WV WORKS and SNAP)
- Persons who fail to attest to or verify citizenship or alien status (requirements varied by program)
- SSI recipients who would be required to be included in the WV WORKS AG, except for receipt of SSI.